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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An interlabial pad ~~which is used by fitting between labia~~ comprising:

an absorbing sheet portion facing a body side when the pad is worn,
the absorbing sheet portion including an absorbent body that absorbs
body fluid, and

a support sheet backing the absorbing sheet portion;

wherein the interlabial pad is elliptical in shape, the absorbing sheet
portion is formed as an aggregate juxtaposing a plurality of strip-type
absorbing areas in a belt shape which include independent absorbent
bodies; and

wherein the strip-type absorbing areas disposed on a central portion of
the absorbing sheet portion form a body fluid discharge port contact area
that contacts a vicinity of a body fluid discharge port of the user, the
strip-type absorbing areas are coextensive with the length of the
interlabial pad; and

wherein the strip-type absorbing areas disposed on both outwardly-
folded sides of the absorbing sheet portion form a labia inner wall contact
area that contacts an inner wall of the user's labia.

2. (currently amended) The interlabial pad ~~according to claim 1;~~
comprising:

an absorbing sheet portion facing a body side when the pad is worn,
the absorbing sheet portion including an absorbent body that absorbs
body fluid, and

a support sheet backing the absorbing sheet portion;

wherein the interlabial pad is elliptical in shape, the absorbing sheet
portion is formed as an aggregate juxtaposing a plurality of strip-type

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absorbing areas in a belt shape which include independent absorbent bodies, and

wherein the strip-type absorbing areas disposed on a central portion of the absorbing sheet portion form a body fluid discharge port contact area that contacts a vicinity of a body fluid discharge port of the user, the strip-type absorbing areas are coextensive with the length of the interlabial pad, and

wherein the strip-type absorbing areas disposed on both outwardly-folded sides of the absorbing sheet portion form a labia inner wall contact area that contacts an inner wall of the user's labia, wherein a side end of the labia inner wall contact area comprises an arc-shaped portion; and
wherein both edge ends of the arch-shaped portion converge toward edge ends in a longitudinal direction of the body fluid discharge port contact area.

3. (previously presented) The interlabial pad according to claim 1;
wherein the body fluid discharge port contact area and/or the labia inner wall contact area is divided into a plurality of portions.
4. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 1, comprising:
a groove portion disposed between the body fluid discharge port contact area and the labia inner wall contact area, or between the body fluid discharge port contact area divided into a plurality of portions and the labia inner wall contact area divided into a plurality of portions.
5. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 1, comprising:
an inner sheet having water permeability or water-absorbability and being inserted between a garment side face of the absorbing sheet and a body side face of the support sheet.

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6. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 1, comprising:
a mini sheet piece provided and bonded on the garment side face of the support sheet that has one or more bonding portions at each side portion in a longitudinal direction of the support sheet and has one or more non-bonding portions in a lateral direction of the support sheet; and
wherein, between the mini sheet piece and the support sheet, at least one non-bonding portion forms a finger insertion opening through which a finger can be inserted so that an opening size of the finger insertion opening is directly maintained as large as a finger breadth in a surface direction of the support sheet.
7. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 6, comprising:
a body-side-folded portion folded upward towards the body side along the substantial center line in the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad and hem portions continuously sloping from both side ends of the body-side-folded portion,
wherein the mini sheet piece is bonded on the garment side of the hem portion.
8. (previously presented) The interlabial pad according to claim 1;
wherein the pad is an interlabial pad which is used together with a sanitary napkin.
9. (previously presented) The interlabial pad according to claim 1;
wherein the interlabial pad is a pad for an incontinence.
10. (previously presented) The interlabial pad according to claim 1;
wherein the interlabial pad is a pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

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11. (withdrawn) A wrapping body comprising the interlabial pad of claim 1;
wherein the interlabial pad is contained in a wrapping container for
individual wrapping.
12. (withdrawn) A wrapping body comprising the interlabial pad of claim 6;
wherein the pad is contained in a wrapping container for individual
wrapping; and
wherein the wrapping container has an unwrapped opening; and
wherein the pad is so contained in the wrapping container that the
finger insertion opening faces toward the unwrapped opening of the
wrapping container.
13. (withdrawn) A wrapping body according to claim 12;
wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container so
that the mini sheet piece is folded upwardly toward the garment side
direction along the substantial center line in the longitudinal direction of
the interlabial pad.
14. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2;
wherein the body fluid discharge port contact area and/or the labia
inner wall contact area is divided into a plurality of portions.
15. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2, comprising:
a groove portion disposed between the body fluid discharge port
contact area and the labia inner wall contact area, or between the body
fluid discharge port contact area divided into a plurality of portions and
the labia inner wall contact area divided into a plurality of portions.
16. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2, comprising:
an inner sheet having water permeability or water-absorbability and

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being inserted between a garment side face of the absorbing sheet and a body side face of the support sheet.

17. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2, comprising:
a mini sheet piece provided and bonded on the garment side face of the support sheet that has one or more bonding portions at each side portion in a longitudinal direction of the support sheet and has one or more non-bonding portions in a lateral direction of the support sheet; and
wherein, between the mini sheet piece and the support sheet, at least one non-bonding portion forms a finger insertion opening through which a finger can be inserted so that an opening size of the finger insertion opening is directly maintained as large as a finger breadth in a surface direction of the support sheet.
18. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2;
wherein the pad is an interlabial pad which is used together with a sanitary napkin.
19. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2;
wherein the interlabial pad is a pad for an incontinence.
20. (withdrawn) The interlabial pad according to claim 2;
wherein the interlabial pad is a pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.
21. (withdrawn) A wrapping body comprising the interlabial pad of claim 2;
wherein the interlabial pad is contained in a wrapping container for individual wrapping.

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